

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 11, 2025 11:00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

PRELUDE

"Ave Maria"

Schubert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT #368 Refrain

"He Lives"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Today we celebrate our mothers, grand-mothers, aunts, and all the women who have loved us.

People: **Thank you God for giving us mothers.**

Leader: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

People: **Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.**

Leader: We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

All: **For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers. We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world. We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same. With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid; we thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly; we thank you for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears; we thank you that they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs; we thank you for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths. Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain. We honor our mothers with lives of service to you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in His Name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #434**

"Revive Us Again"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We confess together as a community of faith because we acknowledge the reality of sin in the church, the world, and our personal lives, and so we ask God for forgiveness and help in amending our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

Loving God, you have called us to become one family, a spiritual house where there is room for all people. Yet, we realize that we have not made our own homes the dwelling

place for your love that we would like. Too often, we act like individuals who happen to share the same building, rather than family members who care for one another. Help us to renew our commitments to the growth and development of those who share our homes with us. Help us to communicate openly with one another and to show our love in the homes where we live, and then share that love with all your children, wherever they may be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Proverbs 6: 20-23
Page 992**

ANTHEM

"I See the Lord"

Harlan

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 20:20-23, Pages 1530-31
2 Timothy 1:5, Page 1853

SERMON

“Mother Knows Best”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

hymnal, back cover

HYMN – #410 Vs. 1, 2 and 5

“Standing on the Promises”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“ M-O-T-H-E-R, A Word That Means the World to Me” Morse

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #586**

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

SEE SCREEN

“Go Now in Peace”

***POSTLUDE**

“Celebrate Life”

Smith

*Please stand if you are able.